

## **The Benefits of Bible Study**

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Any diligent student of the Word will acknowledge the fact that God expects us to study His Word diligently. A careful examination of the following verses will reveal this to be the case (2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18; 1 Timothy 4:13). As Christians, we must realize that there are many benefits that come our way when we devote our time and effort to the study of God's Word. Therefore, being this the case, let me suggest a few of the great benefits we receive when we dedicate our time to learn more from God's Word.

### **Benefits of Bible study**

#### **We will always be ready to give an answer when someone asks us a Bible question.**

Yes brethren, every faithful student of the Word will be ready to answer questions that people ask about religion. The apostle Peter tells us that we must be ready always to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15). Imagine if your neighbor came to your house this evening and ask you the question, *what must I do to be saved?* Are you ready to provide book, chapter and verse as you give a scriptural answer to this question? I am confident that if you study your Bible daily, you will be able to show people what they must do to be saved and spend eternity in heaven. Let us remember that all of us have the responsibility of sharing the gospel with the whole world (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-20). We will not be able to do so, unless we study our Bibles daily.

**We will be ready to be involved in the teaching program of the church.** One of the big problems churches face today is the lack of teachers who are willing to help in the teaching program of the church. Most of the time, the reason why many do not get involved in teaching is because there is a lack of Bible knowledge from their part. When faithful Christians study their Bibles, elders and preachers will be able to count on them to be involved in teaching our children and young people. I would like to encourage all of those members who are not yet involved in the teaching program of the church to do so. The church needs more faithful members who are willing to dedicate their time and effort to teach others. I can assure you that the more we study the Bible, the more opportunities the Lord will give us to share those great truths we learn from His Word.

**We will have the necessary knowledge that will help us to not sin against God.** The psalmist once wrote, *"Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee"* (Psalm 119:11). The diligent study and practice of God's Word will help us not to sin against our Creator. Nevertheless, in order for us to maintain ourselves away from sin, we must let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly, that is, we must fill our hearts with

the knowledge of His Word (Colossians 3:16). Jesus was able to defeat all of the temptations from Satan by quoting Scriptures to his adversary (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). Brethren, we can do the same! Having the knowledge of God's Word in our hearts will help us to know what to do in order to keep ourselves away from violating the commandments of God. It is imperative that we use the sword of the Spirit that God has given us to defeat sin (Ephesians 6:17).

As we can see, there are many benefits that come our way when we study the Word of God on a daily basis. May I encourage each of us to be doers of God's Word and not hearers only (James 1:22). Let us keep these benefits in our minds so that we may be encouraged to be people of the Book. May God bless as we strive to grow in the knowledge of His Word!

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